

**Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)
LETTER OF COMMITMENT**

I _____ (borrower name), understand that upon receiving loan support under the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) at The University of Michigan, School of Nursing for the 2016-2017 academic year, I agree to complete the _____ (MSN, DNP, or PhD) degree program as a full-time or part-time student for the program of study periods required to graduate from the program.

I agree to:

- Enroll for at least two consecutive terms/semesters each academic year of loan support;
- Sign the NFLP Promissory Note for each year of NFLP loan support; and
- Complete the required educator courses/components prior to graduating from the program. Recipients of funds from the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) are required to complete the following items for preparation as a future faculty member. These requirements are in addition to those that count for their advanced degree. The requirements are designed to enhance competencies in teaching and learning skills with a particular focus on nursing education. The requirements for NFLP recipients are:
 1. Completion of a graduate level course in nursing education. This can be met by successful completion of N672, Teacher Strategies in Nursing (3 credits) which is offered intermittently by the School of Nursing, or another approved course. There will be a list of approved courses and options posted on the Nurse Faculty Loan Canvas Site which will include online options.
 2. Completion of a mentored teaching experience. The mentored teaching experience is carried out after completion of the nursing education course. Students will identify a teaching experience with an experienced mentor in a course that meets their learning objectives. During the mentored teaching experience, students enroll in N697 for 2 credits which should be reflective of their objectives and scope of their proposed learning experience.
 3. Completion of at least two workshops at the University's Center for Research on Teaching and Learning (listed on the CRLT website as Seminars for GSIs and Postdocs at: http://www.crlt.umich.edu/gsis/gsi_seminars.php). Equivalent experiences, such as attendance at School of Nursing faculty development programs, are acceptable but must be pre-approved by the Graduate Advisors.
 4. Completion of two experiential or observational experiences at School of Nursing through attendance at a committee or faculty meetings where academic issues and policies are discussed. Attendance at these meetings need to be scheduled through the Graduate Advisors. A brief reflection paper (1-2 pages) is completed for each experience.

All requirements must be met by graduation. Documentation of completion of each of the steps is maintained on the Nurse Faculty Loan Program Canvas Site and monitored by the Graduate Advisors. An annual validation form needs to be completed and updated each year as requirements are met. Questions about the program can be directed to the Graduate Advisors at UMSN-GradAdvisors@med.umich.edu or by calling 734-615-6154.

Following graduation from the program, I intend to pursue and obtain a full-time nurse faculty position at an accredited school of nursing within 12 months. I agree to participate in the nurse faculty employment support activities (e.g., job fairs, resume writing workshop, networking at nursing conferences, etc.) offered by the school.

I have read and fully agree to this Letter of Commitment.

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

UMID#

*This form is required as part of the application process. Please return to Brad Sroka via email at UMSN-OBFA-FinancialAid@med.umich.edu, fax (734.936.3284) or in-person (room 1346C).